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**Adoption of the agenda**

# Provisional agenda and annotations

## Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-second session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 28 April to 23 May 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 28 April, at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-second session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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## Provisional agenda

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## Annotations

### 1. Opening of the session

The fifty-second session of the Committee will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General.

### 2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev.6), the new members of the Committee elected at the fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on 1 October 2013 will make the following solemn declaration:

> I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, independently, impartially and conscientiously.

### 3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. In electing its officers, the Committee shall give consideration to equitable geographical distribution and appropriate gender balance and, to the extent possible, rotation among members. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

### 4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

## 5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as its working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

## 6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

### (a) States parties to the Convention

As at 5 February 2014, there were 154 States parties to the Convention. Guinea-Bissau ratified the Convention on 24 September 2013.

### (b) Reports received

In addition to the reports scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-second session, by 5 February 2014, the Secretary-General had received reports from the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

No initial reports were submitted by States parties as at this date.

| Periodic reports | Symbol |
|---|---|
| Australia | CAT/C/AUS/4-5 |
| Burundi* | CAT/C/BDI/2 |
| China* | CAT/C/CHN/5 |
| Hong Kong, China* | CAT/C/CHN-HKG/5 |
| Macao, China* | CAT/C/CHN-MAC/5 |
| Colombia | CAT/C/COL/5 |
| Croatia | CAT/C/HRV/4-5 |
| Kazakhstan | CAT/C/KAZ/3 |
| Luxembourg | CAT/C/LUX/6-7 |
| New Zealand | CAT/C/NZL/6 |
| Romania | CAT/C/ROM/2 |
| Serbia | CAT/C/SRB/2 |
| Slovakia | CAT/C/SVK/3 |
| Spain | CAT/C/ESP/6 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | CAT/C/MKD/3 |
| Tunisia** | CAT/C/TUN/3 |
| Sweden | CAT/C/SWE/6-7 |
| Ukraine | CAT/C/UKR/6 |
| United States of America | CAT/C/USA/3-5 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)* | CAT/C/VEN/3-4 |

* Reports not submitted under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

**(c) Initial reports**

The status of initial reports as at 5 February 2014 was as follows:

**Initial reports**

| *State party (since)* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|
| Antigua and Barbuda (1993) | 17 August 1994 | --- |
| Bangladesh (1998) | 4 November 1999 | --- |
| Botswana (2000) | 7 October 2001 | --- |
| Cape Verde (1992) | 3 July 1993 | --- |
| Congo (2003) | 30 August 2004 | --- |
| Côte d'Ivoire (1995) | 16 January 1997 | --- |
| Dominican Republic (2012) | 23 February 2013 | --- |
| Equatorial Guinea (2002) | 6 November 2003 | --- |
| Guinea (1989) | 8 November 1990 | --- |
| Guinea-Bissau (2013) | --- | 24 October 2014 |
| Holy See (2002) | --- | Received 7 December 2012 |
| Iraq (2011) | 6 August 2012 | --- |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012) | 26 October 2013 | --- |
| Lebanon (2000) | 3 November 2001 | --- |
| Lesotho (2001) | 11 December 2002 | --- |
| Liberia (2004) | 22 October 2005 | --- |
| Malawi (1996) | 10 July 1997 | --- |
| Maldives (2004) | 20 May 2005 | --- |
| Mali (1999) | 27 March 2000 | --- |
| Nauru (2012) | 26 October 2013 | --- |
| Niger (1998) | 3 November 1999 | --- |
| Nigeria (2001) | 28 June 2002 | --- |
| Pakistan (2010) | 23 July 2011 | --- |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001) | 30 August 2002 | --- |
| San Marino (2006) | 27 December 2007 | --- |
| Seychelles (1992) | 3 June 1993 | --- |
| Sierra Leone (2001) | --- | Received 7 February 2013 |
| Somalia (1990) | 22 February 1991 | --- |
| Swaziland (2004) | 25 April 2005 | --- |

**Initial reports**

| *State party (since)* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|
| Thailand (2007) | --- | Received 26 February 2013 |
| Timor-Leste (2003) | 16 May 2004 | --- |
| United Arab Emirates (2012) | 19 August 2013 | --- |
| Vanuatu (2011) | 11 August 2012 | --- |

**(d) Periodic reports**

The status of periodic reports as at 5 February 2014 was as follows:

**Periodic reports**

| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Afghanistan (1987) | Initial<br>November 1992 | Second<br>25 June 1996 | --- |
| Albania (1994) | Second<br>May 2012 | --- | Third<br>1 June 2016 |
| Algeria (1989) | Third<br>May 2008 | Fourth<br>20 June 2012 | --- |
| Andorra (2006) | Initial<br>November 2013 | --- | Second<br>22 November 2017 |
| Argentina* (1986) | Fourth<br>November 2004 | Fifth and sixth<br>25 June 2008 | --- |
| Armenia (1993) | Third<br>May 2012 | --- | Fourth<br>1 June 2016 |
| Australia* (1989) | Third<br>May 2008 | --- | Fourth and fifth<br>Received 31 July 2013 |
| Austria* (1987) | Fourth and fifth<br>May 2010 | --- | Sixth<br>14 May 2014 |
| Azerbaijan* (1996) | Third<br>November 2009 | Fourth<br>20 November 2013 | --- |
| Bahrain (1998) | Initial<br>May 2005 | Second<br>4 April 2007 | --- |
| Belarus* (1987) | Fourth<br>November 2011 | --- | Fifth<br>25 November 2015 |
| Belgium* (1999) | Third<br>November 2013 | --- | Fourth<br>22 November 2017 |
| Belize* (1986) | Initial<br>November 1993 | Initial and second<br>25 June 1996 | --- |
| Benin* (1992) | Second<br>November 2007 | Third<br>30 December 2011 | --- |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (1999) | Second<br>May 2013 | --- | Third<br>31 May 2017 |

**Periodic reports**

| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1993) | Second to fifth November 2010 | --- | Sixth 19 November 2014 |
| Brazil* (1989) | Initial May 2001 | Second 27 October 2002 | --- |
| Bulgaria* (1986) | Fourth and fifth November 2011 | --- | Sixth 25 November 2015 |
| Burkina Faso (1999) | Initial November 2013 | --- | Second 22 November 2017 |
| Burundi (1993) | Initial November 2006 | --- | Second Received 18 April 2012 |
| Cambodia* (1992) | Second November 2010 | --- | Third 19 November 2014 |
| Cameroon (1986) | Fourth May 2010 | --- | Fifth 14 May 2014 |
| Canada* (1987) | Sixth May 2012 | --- | Seventh 1 June 2016 |
| Chad* (1992) | Initial May 2009 | Second 15 May 2012 | --- |
| Chile* (1988) | Fifth May 2009 | Sixth 15 May 2013 | --- |
| China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988) | Fourth November 2008 | --- | Fifth Received 20 June 2013 |
| Colombia* (1987) | Fourth November 2009 | --- | Fifth Received 30 December 2013 |
| Costa Rica* (1993) | Second May 2008 | Third 30 June 2012 | --- |
| Croatia* (1992) | Third May 2004 | --- | Fourth and fifth Received 19 March 2013 |
| Cuba (1995) | Second May 2012 | --- | Third 1 June 2016 |
| Cyprus* (1991) | Third November 2002 | --- | Fourth Received 30 November 2012 |
| Czech Republic* (1993) | Fourth and fifth May 2012 | --- | Sixth 1 June 2016 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996) | Initial November 2005 | Second to fourth 16 April 2009 | --- |
| Denmark* (1987) | Fifth May 2007 | Sixth and seventh 30 June 2011 | --- |

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| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Djibouti (2002) | Initial<br>November 2011 | --- | Second<br>25 November 2015 |
| Ecuador* (1988) | Fourth to sixth<br>November 2010 | --- | Seventh<br>19 November 2014 |
| Egypt (1986) | Fourth<br>November 2002 | Fifth<br>25 June 2004 | --- |
| El Salvador* (1996) | Second<br>November 2009 | Third<br>20 November 2013 | --- |
| Estonia* (1991) | Fifth<br>May 2013 | --- | Sixth<br>31 May 2017 |
| Ethiopia (1994) | Initial<br>November 2010 | --- | Second<br>19 November 2014 |
| Finland* (1989) | Fifth and sixth<br>May 2011 | --- | Seventh<br>3 June 2015 |
| France (1986) | Fourth to sixth<br>May 2010 | --- | Seventh<br>14 May 2014 |
| Gabon (2000) | Initial<br>November 2012 | --- | Second<br>23 November 2016 |
| Georgia* (1994) | Third<br>May 2006 | Fourth and fifth<br>24 November 2011 | --- |
| Germany* (1990) | Fifth<br>November 2011 | --- | Sixth<br>25 November 2015 |
| Ghana (2000) | Initial<br>May 2011 | --- | Second<br>3 June 2015 |
| Greece* (1988) | Fifth and sixth<br>May 2012 | --- | Seventh<br>1 June 2016 |
| Guatemala* (1990) | Fifth and sixth<br>May 2013 | --- | Seventh<br>31 May 2017 |
| Guyana* (1988) | Initial<br>November 2006 | Second<br>31 December 2008 | --- |
| Honduras* (1996) | Initial<br>May 2009 | Second<br>15 May 2013 | --- |
| Hungary* (1987) | Fourth<br>November 2006 | Fifth and sixth<br>31 December 2010 | --- |
| Iceland* (1996) | Third<br>May 2008 | Fourth<br>30 June 2012 | --- |
| Indonesia (1998) | Second<br>May 2008 | Third<br>30 June 2012 | --- |
| Ireland* (2002) | Initial<br>May 2011 | --- | Second<br>3 June 2015 |

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| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Israel* (1991) | Fourth<br>May 2009 | Fifth<br>15 May 2013 | --- |
| Italy* (1989) | Fourth and fifth<br>May 2007 | Sixth<br>30 June 2011 | --- |
| Japan* (1999) | Second<br>May 2013 | | Third<br>31 May 2017 |
| Jordan* (1991) | Second<br>May 2010 | --- | Third<br>14 May 2014 |
| Kazakhstan (1998) | Second<br>November 2008 | | Third<br>Received 12 August 2013 |
| Kenya* (1997) | Second<br>May 2013 | --- | Third<br>31 May 2017 |
| Kuwait* (1996) | Second<br>May 2011 | --- | Third<br>3 June 2015 |
| Kyrgyzstan* (1997) | Second<br>November 2013 | --- | Third<br>22 November 2017 |
| Latvia* (1992) | Third to fifth<br>November 2013 | --- | Sixth<br>22 November 2017 |
| Libya* (1989) | Third<br>May 1999 | Fourth<br>14 June 2002 | --- |
| Liechtenstein* (1990) | Third<br>May 2010 | --- | Fourth<br>14 May 2014 |
| Lithuania* (1996) | Second<br>November 2008 | --- | Third<br>Received 8 October 2012 |
| Luxembourg* (1987) | Fifth<br>May 2007 | --- | Sixth and seventh<br>Received 14 January 2014 |
| Madagascar (2005) | Initial<br>November 2011 | --- | Second<br>25 November 2015 |
| Malta* (1990) | Second<br>November 1999 | Third<br>12 December 2000 | --- |
| Mauritania | Initial<br>May 2013 | --- | Second<br>31 May 2017 |
| Mauritius* (1992) | Third<br>May 2011 | --- | Fourth<br>3 June 2015 |
| Mexico* (1986) | Fifth and sixth<br>November 2012 | --- | Seventh<br>23 November 2016 |
| Monaco* (1991) | Fourth and fifth<br>May 2011 | --- | Sixth<br>3 June 2015 |

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| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mongolia* (2002) | Initial<br>November 2010 | — | Second<br>19 November 2014 |
| Montenegro* (2006) | Initial<br>November 2008 | — | Second<br>Received 24 December 2012 |
| Morocco* (1993) | Fourth<br>November 2011 | — | Fifth<br>25 November 2015 |
| Mozambique (1999) | Initial<br>November 2013 | — | Second<br>22 November 2017 |
| Namibia (1994) | Initial<br>May 1997 | Second<br>27 December 1999 | — |
| Nepal (1991) | Second<br>November 2005 | Third to fifth<br>12 June 2008 | — |
| Netherlands* (1988) | Sixth<br>May 2013 | — | Seventh<br>31 May 2017 |
| New Zealand* (1989) | Fifth<br>May 2009 | — | Sixth<br>Received 20 December 2013 |
| Nicaragua (2005) | Initial<br>May 2009 | Second<br>15 May 2013 | — |
| Norway* (1986) | Sixth and seventh<br>November 2012 | — | Eighth<br>23 November 2016 |
| Panama (1987) | Third<br>May 1998 | Fourth<br>27 September 2000 | — |
| Paraguay* (1990) | Fourth to sixth<br>November 2011 | — | Seventh<br>25 November 2015 |
| Peru* (1988) | Fifth and sixth<br>November 2012 | — | Seventh<br>23 November 2016 |
| Philippines* (1986) | Second<br>May 2009 | Third<br>15 May 2013 | — |
| Poland* (1989) | Fifth and sixth<br>November 2013 | — | Seventh<br>22 November 2017 |
| Portugal* (1989) | Fifth and sixth<br>November 2013 | — | Seventh<br>22 November 2017 |
| Qatar (2000) | Second<br>November 2012 | — | Third<br>23 November 2016 |
| Republic of Korea* (1995) | Second<br>May 2006 | Third to fifth<br>7 February 2012 | — |
| Republic of Moldova* (1995) | Second<br>November 2009 | Third<br>20 November 2013 | — |

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| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Romania* (1990) | Initial<br>May 1992 | --- | Second<br>Received 24 January 2014 |
| Russian Federation* (1987) | Fifth<br>November 2012 | --- | Sixth<br>23 November 2016 |
| Rwanda (2008) | Initial<br>May 2012 | --- | Second<br>1 June 2016 |
| Saudi Arabia (1997) | Initial<br>May 2002 | Second<br>21 October 2002 | --- |
| Senegal (1986) | Third<br>November 2012 | --- | Fourth<br>23 November 2016 |
| Serbia* (2001) | Initial<br>November 2008 | --- | Second<br>Received 2 September 2013 |
| Slovakia* (1993) | Second<br>November 2009 | --- | Third<br>Received 18 November 2013 |
| Slovenia* (1993) | Third<br>May 2011 | --- | Fourth<br>3 June 2015 |
| South Africa (1998) | Initial<br>November 2006 | Second<br>31 December 2009 | --- |
| Spain* (1987) | Fifth<br>November 2009 | --- | Sixth<br>Received 30 December 2013 |
| Sri Lanka (1994) | Third and fourth<br>November 2011 | --- | Fifth<br>25 November 2015 |
| Sweden* (1986) | Fifth<br>May 2008 | --- | Sixth and seventh<br>Received 11 March 2013 |
| Switzerland* (1986) | Fifth and sixth<br>May 2010 | --- | Seventh<br>14 May 2014 |
| Syrian Arab Republic (2004) | Initial<br>May 2010 | --- | Second<br>14 May 2014 |
| Tajikistan (1995) | Second<br>November 2012 | --- | Third<br>23 November 2016 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (1994) | Second<br>May 2008 | --- | Third<br>Received 6 September 2013 |
| Togo (1987) | Second<br>November 2012 | --- | Third<br>23 November 2016 |
| Tunisia (1988)** | Second<br>November 1998 | --- | Third<br>Received 16 November 2009 |

**Periodic reports**

| *State party (since)* | *Last examination* | *Overdue since* | *Due/received* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Turkey* (1988) | Third<br>November 2010 | --- | Fourth<br>19 November 2014 |
| Turkmenistan (1999) | Initial<br>May 2011 | --- | Second<br>3 June 2015 |
| Uganda* (1986) | Initial<br>May 2005 | Second<br>25 June 2008 | --- |
| Ukraine* (1987) | Fifth<br>May 2007 | | Sixth<br>Received 4 March 2013 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1988) | Fifth<br>May 2013 | --- | Sixth<br>31 May 2017 |
| United States of America* (1994) | Second to Fourth<br>May 2006 | --- | Fifth<br>Received 12 August 2013 |
| Uruguay* (1986) | Second<br>November 1996 | --- | Third<br>Received 14 September 2012 |
| Uzbekistan (1995) | Fourth<br>November 2013 | --- | Fifth<br>22 November 2017 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991) | Second and third<br>May 2002 | --- | Third and fourth<br>Received 11 September 2012 |
| Yemen (1991) | Second<br>May 2010 | --- | Third<br>14 May 2014 |
| Zambia* (1998) | Second<br>May 2008 | Third<br>30 June 2012 | --- |

* States parties submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

## 7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-second session is given below:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Tuesday, 29 April** | | |
| 10 a.m. | Uruguay: third periodic report | CAT/C/URY/3 |
| **Wednesday, 30 April** | | |
| 10 a.m. | Thailand: initial report | CAT/C/THA/1 |
| 3 p.m. | Uruguay: replies | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Thursday, 1 May** | | |
| 10 am | Sierra Leone: initial report | CAT/C/SLE/1 |
| 3 p.m. | Thailand: replies | |
| **Friday, 2 May** | | |
| 3 p.m. | Sierra Leone: replies | |
| **Monday, 5 May** | | |
| 10 a.m. | The Holy See: initial report | CAT/C/VAT/1 |
| **Tuesday, 6 May** | | |
| 10 a.m. | Guinea: initial report | Not submitted |
| 3 p.m. | The Holy See: replies | |
| **Wednesday, 7 May** | | |
| 10 a.m. | Montenegro: second periodic report | CAT/C/MNE/2 |
| 3 p.m. | Guinea: replies | |
| **Thursday, 8 May** | | |
| 10 am | Cyprus: fourth periodic report | CAT/C/CYP/4 |
| 3 p.m. | Montenegro: replies | |
| **Friday, 9 May** | | |
| 3 p.m. | Cyprus: replies | |
| **Monday, 12 May** | | |
| 10 a.m. | Lithuania: third periodic report | CAT/C/LTU/3 |
| **Tuesday, 13 May** | | |
| 3 p.m. | Lithuania: replies | |

**8. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider information which has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the Committee's rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

**9. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider communications which have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the Committee's rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.